

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 2-41 and 43-58 were pending. By this Amendment, claim 3 has been canceled without prejudice and Claim 2 has been amended. No new matter has been introduced. Therefore, after entry of this Amendment, Claims 2, 4-41 and 43-58 are currently pending and subject to examination.

In the Office Action mailed July 6, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 2-41, 43-58 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1-40 of U.S. patent No. 5,986,690 to Hendricks in view of U.S. Patent No. 532,920 to Hartrick et al. The Examiner further rejected Claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hartrick in view of U.S. patent No. 4,796,229 to Wolfe ("Wolfe"). The Examiner, however, indicated that Claims 3-16 were objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Furthermore, the Examiner indicated that Claims 17-41 and 43-58 are allowable.

Applicants submit hereby a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the double patenting rejection of the claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants also have amended Claim 2 to include the features of Claim 3, now canceled. As Claim 3 contains patentable limitation as indicated in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claim 2 is now allowable.

Accordingly, after the submission of the Terminal Disclaimer and the amendment of Claim 2, it is respectfully submitted that currently pending Claims 2, 4-41 and 43-58 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, allowance of all the pending claims, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing docket number **026880.00024**.

Respectfully submitted,



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